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SUBJECT: DUTCH VIEW ON TREATMENT OF AGRICULTURE IN MTN

1. DURING MEETING WITH ECON COMMERICAL COUNSELOR ON OTHER SUBJECTS MIN ECON DIR VAN OORSCHOT TOOK OCCASION TO EXPRESS HIS STRONG HOPE THAT IN PROPOSED NOV 30 MEETING OF US, JAPANESE AND EC REPRESENTATIVES RE TNC IMPASSE US REPRESENTATIVE WILL HAVE OPEN MIND ON POSSIBILITY OF TWO-PHASE SYSTEM FOR TREATMENT OF AGRICULTURAL ISSUES. WHILE VAN OORSCHOT WAS SOMEWHAT VAGUE AS TO HOW THIS MIGHT WORK OUT IN DETAIL, HE ENVISAGES POSSIBILITY OF DEFINING PARAMETERS OF AGRICULTURAL PROBLEM AND POSSIBLE AREAS FOR NEGOTIATION THROUGH PREPARATORY DISCUSSIONS IN SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE. IF AND WHEN AGREEMENT CAN BE REACHED ON UNDERLYING OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEGOTIATIONS BY ALL PARTIES IN AGRICULTURAL SECTOR, NEGOTIATIONS PROPER WOULD COMMENCE IN TNC WITH INTERCHANGE OF CONCESSIONS ACROSS SECTORAL LINES.

2. IT WAS DIFFICULT TO DRAW VAN OORSCHOT OUT ON LINE OF DEMARCATION
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AS HE SEES IT BETWEEN PRE NEGOTIATION DISCUSSION IN AGRICULTURAL

SECTOR AND ACTUAL NEGOTIATIONS BUT HE LEFT IMPRESSION THAT EC
PRESENTATION NOV 30 MIGHT FEATURE PROPOSAL ALONG ABOVE LINES.
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